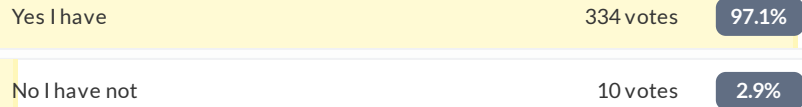


Wolf Encounters in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan

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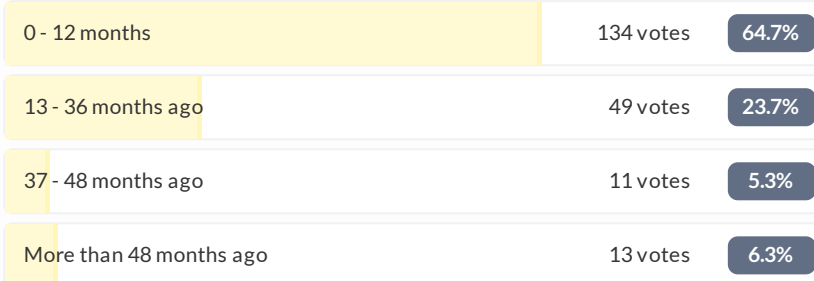
Have you personally had an encounter with wolves in the U.P.?

344 answers



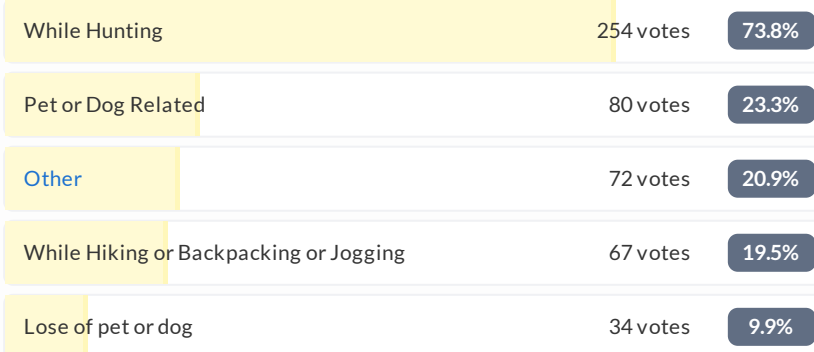
How long ago was your experience?

207 answers



If you answered yes. What type of experience did you have?

344 answers - 508 votes



Would you care to share your experience?

202 answers

I seen one deer in four days of hunting last deer season but seen plenty of wolf scat.

Baiting bear

Loss of 2 sled dogs and a horse fatally injured

A ton of wolf sign near Ewen, almost more Than there are deer, we frequently see them while sitting on stand

no wouldnt matter

Wolf tracks all over the place.

Saw more wolves in 2020 deer hunting than deer and was unsuccessful. During the 2019 deer season I had three wolves come in on me while gutting the buck I shot. The wolves came to as close as 20 yards and after repeated attempts to scare them off, I had to drag the buck just under a quarter mile to my Quad and didn't back out until I started the Quad and took off.

Verry scary they have no fear

Running bear bait and came face to face with one . It was a Mexican standoff for a minute. Then I changed his mind.

When going to check my blind several years I was greeted by a mold checking out the area '

Had to shoot 22 in air to scare it away.

Chasing deer at my house.

Came across several while bird hunting with my dog. No attacks.

I have seen 2 in person in the Seney area.

We were clipping a trail to a hunting blind October 2020 north of hessel. We were going through some big cedars and got to a spot with huge rocks. My friend was in front, then me and my friends 70 year old dad lagging behind us. All of a sudden my friends dad yells, wolf! It was coming right for him. Got about 15 yards away when he yelled and it just trotted off. My friend pulled his .45 pistol out but didn't fire a shot.

I've seen wolves 1/4 times when I take my ATV out on the trails. It's like they have no fear. They get within 20 feet of me before they leave me alone.

Walking the dog this morning. 2 wolves came out and stood in the middle of the road. 200 yds away! Turned around and headed home. In Ironwood ,Mi.

Encountered wolves tracking deer on my property and looking for my dog in yard after scenting him .

Many times wolves out while I was farming. Two big packs frequented my property.

Six wolves spotted while deer hunting in northern Delta County

Multiple times while bow hunting I have seen wolves . Last year I saw 9 between may and December

It was walking on the ice in fryof my home.

Multiple times hunting in Luce County

Hiking as well as countless sightings while driving.

Was walking out to my blind and I notice I was being followed. At first I couldn't tell exactly what it was until I almost got to my blind and it stepped out into my trail !

Yes- the first one was over a year ago. While driving back to my stand around 1pm I had a big wolf cross the road in front of me.

The second one was the 16th of November this year where I was in my saddle hunting and I had one come within 15 yards of me. I was able to grab my camera gear and film a quick shot of it.

Early evening encounter - single wolf near a trailhead - Mqt Co. As a friend and I were hiking, I felt an uneasy presence, stopped, turned around and had a single adult wolf roughly 50yds from myself and my friend. Neither my friend / I or the wolf made any further movements. Thankfully a passing car came by and the wolf ran off. Unsure of his curious(?) intentions... no snarling, no howl / call, just walking behind us...

Tracks all over my property. Saw 1 deer all of rifle and muzzle season

A wolf pack was stalking our camp at night, we had a river between us. Made our bird dogs very uneasy.

hunting with beagles in Nestoria, stepped over a dead fall. Did not see the wolf curled up until it jumped up. Also deer hunting in the Silver River area, Baraga County saw one on the river bank. Also crossing the road from the swamp in Pequaming.

Wolf came into deer blind and chased 5 deer out of bait while I was sitting in the blind

Saw a pair of wolves while bow hunting on October 1st near gwinn. Saw another while driving a few weeks later about 5 miles north of there

My two oldest sons and I were driving East on M-38 in Baraga County in the vicinity of the Sturgeon River bridge one evening late in August of 2020...we were returning home after fishing at Pricket Dam. A single large wolf was walking down the left side of the highway in our headlights in no hurry to evade us. We watched him in the headlights for 2-3 minutes...at one point the wolf stopped in the middle of the road and walked slightly toward our vehicle and then trotted off into the brush on the opposite side of the road. I called our Baraga DNR station to report it the next morning and I spoke to biologist John DePew. He indicated that area was a high road kill frequency area and that wolves routinely cruised that area looking to scavenge on the roadside.

Stalking me and turned around and saw it following me

Wolves two for sure were very close to attacking my English red lab fired off a round to scare them off but they didn't go far

Rabbit hunting with my beagle when a 2 wolves crossed my shooting lane stopped and starred at me and my brother and went right towards my dog

No

Came across it on my way to the blind

Had 8 come under tree stand nov 2021

Wolves came right next to my camp while my wife and the dog were sitting inside camp. This happens for about 3 weekends same thing right before dark they would come around the camp and on the deck

Was hunting and came upon a fresh health full sized buck and 4 wolves had just killed it saw them 60-70 yards away

It was within 100 yards of my barn and house. I have three Miniature horses and two toy dog 18 pounds. I'm now afraid to walk out in my Yard.

A big black adult with a tan smaller juvenile walked up our driveway then headed into the woods. They stopped about 30 yards from the house, turned and looked at us before walking away. We live in the woods.

Ran into a couple of wolves while bird hunting they stared at us for a moment then disappeared. I found a freshly killed fox a short time later it was still warm.

2017 and 2019 seasons had a lobe wolf walk through my hunting stand area on state land in Dickinson County

Driving down 141 north of Crystal Falls two ran across the road in front of me.

Seen many times, even reported a trapped wolf to the Baraga dnr years ago, called back n they never followed up. So I called the nearby family's to let them know about.

While deer hunting on the ground on public land, I was using deer calls such as rattling horns and grunt calls. The wolves first howled at first light but were a long ways off. I continued hunting and calling and about an hour after the first howls they howled again I. The same direction but this time they were within a hundred yards. After the hunt I took a walk and found two sets of tracks heading down the road right toward my area I was hunting.

Walked in to my stand and sat down. Saw movement coming towards me through the woods, on a trail the deer normally use. He popped out of the brush and I could see then he was a juvenile wolf, black in color. It appeared that he was looking for whatever had been moving in the brush, (me). He stopped and stared looking for several minutes. He sensed something was wrong and trotted back in to the woods on the same trail.

I was in my tree stand and i heard coyotes....then i heard wolves howling within 200 yds of me. It wasnt just 1 it was a Pack. I left the woods before it was even close to dark.

Saw 6 wolves trot by me at about 100 yards when I was bowhunting in Houghton County.

I first saw it on my trail cam and the next day saw it on my land.

Deer hunting season 2019. Opening day had a pack 7 walk by my stand. Never seen a deer for 10 days and herd them howling every night. Surprised they stayed in the same area for that long. From the look of the tracks it appeared they were chasing snow shoes.

Wolf walked in on me while deer hunting

Which experience....i have had many

See wolves and wolf sign everywhere and every time i go out.

I was bow hunting When I got out of my tree stand that night, I had 4 wolves follow me out . They kept running circles around me , finally I turned my light on and I had 2 wolves standing in front of me about 10 feet away and the other 2 were just off the trail. I did not have a gun and could not recock my crossbow. they followed me about 400 yards to my side by side I was yelling at them and swing my lite at them. I have back problems so I can not run. And when I talked to the DNr about it they told me that its a good thing I did not run. And that I would of had the right to shoot them because they should not be that close to you

another time I was driving jeep down a secondary road when I watched two deer cross the road, by the time I reached where the deer crossed a wolf crossed the road, following them

I lost chickens to wolves. There were tracks so it was obvious. I've seen many wolves in my area over the years.

Ran deer off my bait pile....never saw another deer rest of week.

North of Trout Lake on Bobby Gay and on 123 east of Trout Lake

5 wolves came across friends bait on opening morning of deer season. Saw 2 more running up road later that day. That's 7 in a 5 mile area. Time to do something don't ya think.

The wolf followed me into my hunting area

Saw more wolves than deer while deer hunting this year.

Have not had any encounters

The wolves have become pretty brave over the years, where they tolerate man and humans.

6 wolves encounter me while I was on my way across a feild to make a coyote stand

I was seeing a lot of nice deer where I hunt prior to season. Just before season wolves were seen and the deer, they disappeared. All through season we never put our dogs out without going out with them because we could hear wolves in the area.

Was not much just followed me out of my stand

Saw one on my deer post while hunting.

Fresh tracks within 100 ft of camp that we could see. They were on top of our tire tracks from night before.

Had a pack of wolves circling me while bowhunting.

Wolves on trail from east side of firesteel bridges surecas hell were not afraid of us

Had one come down a bear trail while bear hunting over bait. It was 8 years ago. Told the DNR about the encounter when I checked my bear in but they said they didn't care about wolf sightings. This was before the wolves were everywhere Now we have them on trail cams. They don't seem to bother the bear but we have no deer in Alger county after my encounter. We don't hunt deer there anymore as the apples rot on the ground or the squirrels array them away or the coyotes eat them. Had trail cams out all year and we ha coyotes wolves bear bobcat fisher and fox and one doe for the whole year.

Wolves chasing deer

While driving on our lane

Had one follow me while walking in the woods In schoolcraft county wasn't hunting season I was unarmed and he was unafraid yelled at it etc made now difference followed behind me at about 50 yards for a half mile I'm not afraid of much but that experience Really opened my eyes what if it had been a kid who knows what might happen they have become to plentiful and unafraid

Came in to coyote call while hunting coyote.

Two wolfs chased my dog right up to the cabin.

Yes possibly

Easy to explain there everywhere and need to be controlled

I think there needs be a wolf hunting season!

I live in a wild dense area in iron county. I see up to a dozen a year or so. Listing an experience would just be one of many over the ten years of coming and now living in the UP.

They've killed my dogs

Was timber making north of Watersmeet when I wolf came walking towards me with its head down. My backpack sprayer squeaked every time I pumped it, so I'm assuming that's what brought in the curious wolf. Once it was about 40yds away, I moved and made noise, it looked up and walked 90 degrees in a different direction. It wasn't spooked or scared or vicious. It was just out minding its own business.

We probably see a wolf every month. Didn't know we were supposed to report sightings...hell, we'd be on the phone with them all the team between the back side of Chassell, Baraga, Kenton and the Amasa Stretch!

on more than once while hunting and training i've had packs and singles come in on me and circle.the worst was i was taking a break while hunting and a pack came running into me and one of my dogs was posturing with one of them.

watch a wolf chase a deer across a clear cut

I was bear hunting in the upper peninsula with my dogs then i encountered 2 wolves crossing the road 300 yards behind my dogs. My dogs were running a bear at the time and the wolves were clearly trying to hunt them. Luckily i was able to get to them before the wolves did.

Hiking into deer stand several days before season and ran into 2 wolves walking at me on my path. They were not at all intimidated by my presence. Very scary moment. This is just one experience of many.

Instance #1 was while hiking, no bother. Instance #2 was while gun deer hunting opening day and had two wolves chase small herd of deer away. Instance #3 was while driving, no bother.

Have had quite a few encounters seems they aren't too afraid of humans . And witness them in the village limits shouldn't be long and they will run out of deer (which they are nearly gone now) and they are going to start eating peoples children and pets then what? They need to be managed more properly , they were irradiated before for a reason

Wolf come to our dogs cold-trailing from a bear bait

Driving to logging jobs see them quite prevalent on the roads and in the woods in different areas where logging operations take place.

I was on my tractor riding out to a food plot and a wolf was under a spruce tree watching for deer that come out to feed on the plot. I cut the limbs off the bottom of the trees so the wolves can't hide and wait for the deer....

Came upon 2 wolves that had taken down a large 8 point buck.

Was circled by a wolf while hunting and had a wolf following while walking dog

Observed one from a stand, have seen several tracks

While taking a rest a wolf stepped out of the brush just 20 feet away. I never felt in danger and didn't even pick up my gun. We stared at each other for a minute and he nodded his head and sauntered off. Ive also seen them a number of times while working as a logger

I had 5 deer at my station one afternoon a wolf howled and they took off like a shot. about 20 minutes later two wolves came thru tracking the 5 deer.

Followed by wolves twice while snowshoeing into my camp twice. Walked up on wolves on a kill twice while bird hunting. Had them approach me very close while hunting several times. Wolves followed my wife back to camp in the evening.

Circled from the back of property to the road then across our field just west of our home then around again.

I was letting my pet beagle out to go potty outside. A wolf came out of nowhere in driveway and started to charge. I opened door and screamed at it. Luckily it walked off. That was right in front house in UP. Rural area. Too close to home.

Scary. Had more than once happen. Bow hunting and muzzleloading in Iron River area.

Wolves tried to run down my hounds while bear hunting. Thank god we were close enough to stop the situation from getting worse.

Dog was attacked!

Saw 2 wolves on the trail I was walking my dog on. They crossed in front of me .

Came in on my beagles

We were hiking at a local park and we weren't even that far in. We heard noises a little ways in the woods and when we looked, there was a wild about 75 yards in just watching us and following us.

I was going to my deer blind and 3 Wolves came at me down the trail. They left after I screamed at them. I own hounds and can't hunt my home area due to drastic increase in wolf activity.

No

Wolf hunting my dog in my yard.

Seen driving around

Wolves have over run the U.P. We need to do something!

Had wolf encounter 4 yrs ago, hunting dog killed. Wolf encounter 2 yrs ago, hunting dog killed and others injured and another separate attack with multiple dogs injured but no deaths. Wolf encounter last year, 2 hunting dogs killed. All in different areas of the Upper Peninsula.

4 greeted me at the road. They were not the least bit concerned...35 - 40 yards away.

Female wolf came into back yard with collar. Tried to get my hound in pen to come out and play. She would of run them right back into a pack March 9

Was walking my beagle down woods trail wolves got in between us and chased after her good thing she got in thick brush pile and I ran in screaming like a mad man and they left!! She didn't act right for about month!! Poor girl was scared to death!! Good thing I reacted way I did or she been a goner!!

Killed a hound we were using to run bobcat

We had one following us while walking our dog. I have had the under me and follow me while in the woods. We have had them run out in front of us while riding ATV's

Got ahold of a dog while bear hunting and killed it. 3 day later 15 miles away another wolf chaseing dogs this time we were able to get to dogs before the wolves got them

Bold animals unlike coyotes. They will follow from a distance and escort you out of area.

Was follow out numerous times scouting deer. The last time they were close around 50 yards. Followed me all the way back to my truck almost a mile.

I have seen them while checking traps multiple times one followed me for a few hundred yards, and have hundreds of pictures of them in the rosebush area

I ran into the woods as fast as one could to retrieve my dogs. Do I need to state the obvious what would have happen if they ran into each other. Takes the fun right out of the outdoors.

My hunting dog was killed

Heard a pack near me in the woods. Had to have the person with me drive to me to pick me up as I wasn't taking a chance walking out alone at dusk

I had 2 wolves follow my dog and I out of the woods after partridge hunting.

Bear hunting with hounds. One of my hounds was ran down and killed by a pack of wolves

We had a hound killed by a pack of wolves. This was confirmed by the DNR.

Got to my deer before I did

Had 3 follow me got back to utv and they followed for a ways

Scary

I have seen countless wolves while hunting. I have seen many on the highway while driving. Last year my son and I were riding our bicycles and one crossed the road about 20 ft in front of us. It was not afraid of us at all, at one point I thought it was going to come towards us but it turned and continued across the road. My neighbor had his dog taken by a wolf from his yard. They are a serious problem in the UP and they need to be controlled.

Was out looking for bear tracks, and 5 wolves crossed in front of our truck. But then crossed again while we got closer, but did not leave the area. All 5 were about 40 yards away and would not leave. And we also had dogs in back of truck, that didn't seem to bother them. There must had been something they were feeding on close by.

Wolves following me out of the woods

Many wolves caught on a trail cam coming into hunting blind. Also found a deer in the woods that looked to have been taken down by a wolf

It was very nervous. Light howls in different groups like they were communicating, under 200 yards like they were flanking me.

More than one experience over the last 10 years or more with wolf predation on mine and friends of mines beagles coonhounds and bear hounds being attacked and 3 different times kill. Its terrifying gruesome experience.

Very frightening to say the least

No i would not

Was stalked by a wolf while we were hiking twice. We encounter wolves several times a year while running hounds, a couple times the hounds have narrowly escaped. Our son had to watch from a blown down tree he climbed up, unarmed, while wolves ate his young dog alive a couple years ago, then turned their attention to him but luckily a buddy came along and scared the wolves off. We know several people who have also lost pets too wolves needlessly. Our forefathers eradicated them for a reason and now because of lack of awareness/education about wolves and what/how they can destroy, we have to bring this population back under some sort of control. We also need to keep the control under the hands of people that are actually affected by their presence and not just because they watched a Disney special about how cute they are.

Seen them driving around

You don't feel safe walking anywhere, at any time they can come charging out.

I've had dogs chased out of the woods by wolves while perusing bears!

Was running my hound on a bobcat in Dickinson county about 12 years ago when the chase suddenly ended due to my hound being cornered in some blow downs. Lucky for my hound it was only a couple hundred yards off a two track. I used my gps tracker to locate my hound & found him backed into some blow downs shaking & bloody with wolf tracks everywhere. He had been bitten several times around his neck, another few minutes & he would had been killed for sure. I always use to drive a circle pattern to make sure that there's no fresh sign of wolves, but on this day they must had been bedded down in or near the swamp that I had found fresh cat tracks crossing the road after a fresh snowfall & they must have heard my hound cold trailing this cat.

I was chasing bear in the Newberry area when the wolves came in and kill and ate my hound.

Had 2 going after my dog they were 100 yards behind him when I pulled up and called him to me they ran away as I pulled up yelling.

I've seen 3 chasing our dogs in one day and we always see them.

Had at my blind in rifle season. Howling at night too

Running bear during training season. Had a bear treed and a pack of wolves come in to the tree and stated pulling dogs 4 out of the 5 got awY. One of the females (hunting dog) got killed and completely consumed other then head and tracking collar.

Wolves attacked two of my dogs and killed them. Greatly missed. These animals need to be controled it is unsafe in the woods anymore in the u.p. With these over populated wolfs

I've seen wolves in the woods and the roadways. I once shot a small buck about a hour before nightfall in Mackinac county. I waited and called my uncle to help track him. After tracking for a short time we heard a barking dog, then more barks, then a howl! We were close to those animals, All the hair on my body stood straight. We aborted the search and left that deer. Sucks that I wasn't able to retrieve the game.

Have seen multiple wolves cross the road from one section to another in pursuit of our hounds

Had pack of wolves (seen 5) come in on our dogs while hunting. Couple dogs hurt but they were close to the road and able to get there pretty quick.

When running a bear one of the young dogs fell behind. Before we could get back to her several wolves had ate everything thing but to head and feet.

Several times my bear dogs have "struke" a bear track from the dog box and while I was looking for the bear track in the dirt wolves ran down the road to my dogs in the truck even with me standing right there! Enough is enough! I don't mind wolves being part of the landscape but we can not have them so thick that they ruin all outdoor hunting activities!!

Bear hunting they came into dogs treed

Had one walk up on my 5 yr old son while we were baiting deer blind, less than 30 ft away

Wolf came in scouting and left. I've had easily a dozen encounters on foot including seeing 3 wolves south of Amasa while driving.

I was surprised by a wolf while surveying trees. He wasn't startled by me and moved closer. He was confident because he wasn't alone and I soon realized I was surrounded by another two wolves. I was able to scare them off by throwing fallen branches at the biggest wolf and running towards him. I was lucky.

My dog was killed by wolves in trout lake. DNR did nothing. It is out of hand!!

Seen a few while hunting

Dogs were treed on a Coon on the back side of a lake during kill season, so I went to the tree without a gun. (I rarely kill a Coon)! All the way in I would hear a noise or the crack of a stick behind me or on each side of me. I thought maybe a curious deer following me as I've had so many times over the years. I got to the tree and leashed the dogs and head back to the truck and they started acting like idiots. These were well trained dogs. All the way out they were tangled and wrapping me in my leashes and I couldn't figure out why. Well 3/4 of the way out I caught sight of the one wolf, then the second wolf that have been circling me all the way in and all the way back to the truck. I hollered at them and kept the dogs on my side as I shortened the leashes up. Grabbed a big sick and made it to the truck and loaded the dogs and left. I NEVER go in the woods again without a gun. I'm not scared of much but that scared the daylight out of me.

Had a few. Had 3 of our dogs killed while bear hunting and several others hurt but survived. I can provide pictures of what they do to a dog. I had one come thru a small group of trees and get within 6' before I saw it and started yelling for my dog that was fighting others in the pack off at the same time. The wolf stalking me turned slowly and walked back towards his pack. Luckily my dog made it back to me with just a bunch of holes but lived to hunt another day.

They ran down, and killed one of my dogs, right in front of my children.

Regarding the last question, pointless to report because nothing will be done.

They passed buy me while I was in my stand

Yes

Killed bear hounds. Chased me out of the woods.

Yes

Many different encounters while bear hunting with hounds in the UP.

No rather not deals with loss of a hunting pet.

I would not help the Dnr of Michigan any way shape of form they want us to do there jobs they can get out in the woods and experience what they do call protect.

came face to face while grouse hunting, the wolf stood and stared at me

Two wolves followed me from Blind to my truck

They have no fear of humans. No matter what you do they just stare.

We hunt bear with hounds and a lone wolf decided to hunt one of our young hounds. We were lucky to be able to get ahead of him and pick him up before the wolf got to him.

Approached our truck while we were in the woods and got into the back of the truck where the other dogs were still in the box. Couple passing by stopped and they got out and left us a note on the truck explaining the situation.
Another time had them follow us in and out of a bear tree to the vehicle.
One approached my husband while he was sitting in the truck. He got out and walked towards it and every time he would stop the wolf would stop and start walking back.

Had a pack kill 3 of my bear hounds

Had a dog ate by wolves

was surrounded by a few they kept circling around me.

They killed and ate 3 of our dogs

Two wolves kept approaching my front door where my wife lets her dog out. Did this twice in a month. A few weeks later I found out that they were problem wolves that the DNR relocated called the Strawberry Lake pack. The actual stepped on my first step leading to the door.

3 wolves walked up on me while bear hunting

Will not camp in the UP again!

Not much to share. Was hunting had a small group of wolves pass through.

On several occasions while hunting or hiking have seen or been followed by a wolf.

The dog was killed by the wolfs

Wolves attacked one of my bear hounds and if we weren't as close as we were the wolves would've killed my \$3000 hound

While hunting bears with Hounds near Newberry, MI I was in the woods with some dogs and came back to my truck where more dogs were inside the dog box in the back of my truck and wolves were at my truck jumping up on the sides trying to get to my dogs. They actually stayed at the truck until I got real close then turned and walked away not even scared of me and the few dogs I was walking towards them with.

I see them while hunting all the time. I currently have a pack of three in my village. I hear them most nights. My neighbor has ducks and chickens and has reinforced his pens. People down the road had a bobcat on their back porch. I went and looked at the tracks and could see that it was being chased by wolves.

Had to retrieve a young dog that fell out of a bear race. Had two wolves that I could see follow us for a several hundred yards on the way back to the truck.

Bird hunting east of Trout Lake off of H40 where we jumped a lone wolf crossing the 2 track, left the area immediately!

Dogs chased out of woods.

three beagles running hare and two wolves were headed for them, saw them cross the road on a dead run, have seen many wolves deer hunting as well

I've had to kick wolves off the top of my dogs

Guy in are group dog was killed by wolfs

Was deer hunting on my family property between Escanaba and Marquette about 10yrs ago. Was getting ready to take a nap when my cousin who I was sitting with said he sees dog feet thru some thick brush. Initially thinking it a coyote but when it steps out was a large white wolf. Stood there for a few just looking at us in our blind. Then it raised its nose in the air and took off.

I logged three with DNR several years back. This year I had a friend in the woods with me, he was out of air so I had him seat on a log. I sat across from him and looked a bout 60 yards back in the woods and had a wolf staring at us. Then two or three started howling at us for about a mile walk out.

1. Hunting with my brother Wolves moved in our hunting party and pinned my brother's young hound down and ate everything but his head. Spine and rib cage in under an hour

2. While trying to bobcat hunt had a pack of 5 wolves cross a frozen lake and start to chase our hounds trying to kill them. Luckily we were close enough to catch the dogs before the wolves did

3. While bear hunting had wolves move in on a bear chase and scatter the dogs and send them out of the woods to the road luckily we were close again and caught the dogs before they were killed. One wolf stayed just in the woods out of sight of the road and let out some howls.

4. While bear hunting had a large wolf run one of my hounds out to the truck. When the wolf saw the truck it stopped and ran away.

We lost 3 beagles to wolves while training on rabbits. We did not report to dnr because the 3 dogs were lost in a deep huckleberry marsh. Our gps signal was lost in a very wet thick area and only thing we found was the presence of wolves and wolf tracks along with our beagles tracks. 1 of the beagles was a international field trial champion.

we had a hound killed last fall on golden glow road

Has the amount of wolf sign or wolves in an area prevented you from hunting or engaging in an outdoor activity in an area?

344 answers

Yes it has

261 votes

75.9%

No, it has not

83 votes

24.1%

Would you care to explain?

225 answers

There is more wolf sign then deer sign where I hunt.

When I am in the woods now I carry

I wont lie, I am uneasy when bird hunting alone with my dog. I still however do it.

Too much wolf activity and no deer.

When the wolves move in the deer move out, simple as that. I've been hunting the same area for 45 years and the hunting is awful now. Everyone in camp used to get bucks and now you're lucky if just one of us are successful. It's been a steady decline in the deer herds since the mid nineties. I know that other influence play a factor, but with the wolf numbers being what they are the deer don't even stand a chance.

we have only certain areas to hunt and check an area carefully before turning a dog loose.

There is nothing left to hunt

When the wolves are around nothing stays in the area. As soon as they move off everything goes back to normal.

Always have a gun with me for protection when I go out in the woods, fishing, berry picking or whatever the activity is

As long as I'm armed I'm safe.

I still hunt in the areas but now I carry a handgun also.

I carry my pistol now when Brookie fishing

Trail cam photos of Wolf and not many deer so I don't hunt there.

When hunting in the Eastern UP all I see is wolf tracks! I don't care where I go I see wolf sign and a lot of it! I've been hunting in the Eastern UP for most of my life and I remember in years past when we would use trail cameras. I would get thousands of pics of deer every night over the bait pile and and now I get a few pics of deer every few days and only a limited amount. You might say it is the area I hunt, but this is not the case I have spots all over the eastern UP and they all show the same results. These wolfs are running the deer to death and are starting to move closer and closer into the city limits.

When you see wolves in your area , you wont see deer .

Simply hunt, farm or run the dog in spite of the wolves. Just have to be careful!

It may not be that wolves are the sole contributor, but there are far fewer deer, turkeys, and other game animals than there has been since I've been hunting

It hasn't stopped my experience in the outdoors but if deer numbers continue to decline I will stop traveling to the U.P to hunt.

I don't want to bird hunt with my dog by our camp in the trenary area because of wolves.

When the wolves move in, game moves out.

Because if they attack I'll do whatever measures to protect myself !

No it has not, I love hunting in the UP and still plan on going up to deer camp. However, I am starting to look at out of state hunting during gun season as the deer numbers are way down.

I am aware I share the woods with apex predators. For peace of mind I do carry grizzly mace and plan to carry a side arm when I do multi-day trips.

Just have to learn to live with it seeing as our state doesn't want to help hunters in the UP

This past year had lots of bucks and does on the trail cam when season began no deer but wolf tracks were real close

Years ago our property was loaded with deer and today you will find more predator tracks than deer many of which are wolves .I've spent 23 years in the u.p. woods and each year gets worse and Worse it's time we manage them

Why go hunting if I'm not going to see the type of animal I'm spending money on to hunt.

I don't want to lose any of my dogs while bird hunting

Bo longer hunt with beagles in Nestoria when I saw what they did to a moose and her calf.

Our deer hunting in Ontonagon county is almost over hunted 120 hours say 5 deer who got chased out by a wolf, more wolf tracks then there are deer tracks

I have beagles and won't run them near areas where I've seen wolves or have on camera.

Wolves are a part of the wild and we accept them. They do not impact our hunting or recreation. They do however need to be managed.

Deer herd is slim to none just from what I know of one wolf

Area I bird hunt has a lot of wolf signs and after the incident opening week this year my hunting changed alot

Hunting off North Gould City road two track was solid wolf tracks in fresh snow left and haven't hunted the area with my dog since

No

carry 357 mag at all times in woods

My wife is afraid to even walk our dog. She always has the dog on a leash. When the wolves mine on the deer move out or they become nocturnal it's not even with hunting

Hunting

The amount of wolves around here are extremely high and are making it to the point of not being able to hunt around the EUP without wiping out the heard any further

We hunt with hounds and the areas available to hunt that the wolves haven't taken over is scarce!

I'm aware they are in the area and now make sure I carry my firearm when I walk my dog or am in the woods. I've had one on the trail cam by our cabin. They will not prevent me from recreating outside.

Too many wolves, not enough deer, we need to balance the ecosystem much like they did with Yellowstone in the 80's

I have reported it to the DNR but they have not contacted me.

But it has dramatically decreased the number of deer and their daytime habits .

After running into the wolves I went to a different area to hunt for my dogs safety.

Rare to see them, I see more moose than wolves.

I'm not afraid

Less deer mean less reason for investing so much time and money into the outdoors and deer.

The deer numbers are down. Wolf predation is part of that problem. I have began hunting on the LP where there are more deer. It also made me uncomfortable to see an apex predator that was hunting me. One wolf is not likely a problem. A pack of wolves could be another story. The following year, I had wolves barking at me when I approached this same stand.

Its a let down seeing the deer heard keep dropping.

I've only seen 1 wolf in 5 years on my land and that was 3 or 4 years ago. I have 4 trail cams on my land too.

No deer around.. one week hunting and didn't see one deer.

I carry my pistol for this reason. I will not hesitate to drop any that come to close.

Own property where I hunt. Don't want to go anywhere else.

I live downstate. LP g drive to see no deer

Not prevented activity but sure has made them far less successfull

No deer tracks in some areas I hunt. Just wolf and coyote

Deer population has decreased, cant go in the woods without a sidearm.

I would not go back to that bow stand after that happened also had them run bears off are bait pile while bear hunting

I can't deer hunt anymore. They are gone. I still do all other outdoor activities tho.

It hasn't prevented me but deer sign was down to 3 deer seen in November of 2020

Deer sign is down, will have to find a new spot or county. Also have pictures or tracks in snow 100 ft from my house. I pack everytime me or my wife walk in the backyard.

There are no deer where the wolves are

I carry a weapon for protection. Not a problem

Don't feel comfortable trout fishing small streams without a firearm.

Wolves sighted 2-3 times a day while hunting....no deer sighted.

Personally have not seen wolves on cameras. I do know that they are in the area because other neighbors have seen them They have also seen them during the day going through my yard

Yes certain public land areas we avoid.
Because of lack of deer have driven them out.
Too many wolves... If you're bow hunting and shot is marginal "When in doubt back out phrase does not work in the UP. You cannot wait in wolf country... you'll only find a deer head.

My wife and I use to walk to my deer stands now we have it ware we can drive right to them because they are not scared of us

We now never leave camp without being armed.

Will not let fear rule my life.

Not as many deer. Too many predators!!

We just take precautions with pets.

We only bear hunt it now. Used to have about 12 deer on camera. (10 years ago).
Now we have one doe that comes they on the trail where the camera is. You can go for miles out that way without seeing a deer track. Three of us hunted lasted year for 5 days straight and no deer. We had to go to a different county farther south to find deer. And we had wolf sign there but we had a few deer as it was a migratory deer trail we hunted

Wolves everywhere and no more deer.

I'll hunt anyway even though the deer herd is dwindling due to wolves

Lots of Wolf Signs around our Cabin on the Tahquamenon River. Tracks, and Howling at Night . Wife saw an all white one and I saw an all black one.

Areas I used to hunt and see 5 deer a day now I see wolf crap full of deer hair everywhere and never see a single deer

They havent frightened me. (Yet)

No deer!

Had three wolves come to 15 yards while hunting a brush blind, second time seeing them in that same area

I go to canada

They basically cleared all deer out the area i hunt! I dont even run my bear hounds in western up anymore!

I never go in the woods without my .45. I train hunting dogs for a living up here so they are woven into the fabric of this landscape so being prepared, keeping dogs close and trying to avoid dawn and dusk times in the deep woods is how we handle sharing the forest.

They've killed my dogs

I pay close attention to my labs when at our cabin.

We've noticed a tremendous drop in deer sightings for about a few years now. We've been actively coyote hunting to help the population but the when you see a deer track we were seeing wolf tracks within 100-yrds off to one side or another.

if it's real wolfly i pull out or move on because of my past expearences

The number of human attacks by wolfs are so insignificant I don't worry.

I used to hunt all over the upper peninsula and it was great hunting. Now that the wolves are out of control the deer population is a steady decline. I dont even waste my money deer hunting in this state anymore, i feel money is better spent elsewhere.

I see more wolves in my hunting area than deer.

The hunting experience was a bit wild, chased off the deer that were working their way into me, wolves stood 40 yards away and I even have on video. After they got down wind of me, they took off.

There has been numerous tracks around my blind chasing deer away coming in the area during feeding time . Everyone I knew who trapped quit because of the fact that there coyote sets are filling up with " protected" wolves .

We have relocated hunting areas (more than once) as recommended by the Newberry wolf specialist. You can NOT go anywhere that there are not wolves!

Lots of wood sign where I hunt and have had them on camera. I still hunt there but the last few years hasn't been great for seeing any deer.

I never take walks anymore without my side piece

Don't want to pick blue berries in that area. Can't take my dogs out in that area.

Still do my stuff but am observant

Now when I go into the woods my pistol goes with me whether I am fishing hunting or cutting wood.

If there are too many wolves in an area it's not worth hunting.

We will not allow our dog off leash and we are very cautious when we are out or in our woods.

I no longer bring pet dog with me on property. It isn't worth the risk.

We use to have awesome deer hunting. Private land food plots and lots of time put in to it. For 3 or more years it's gone from having lots of opportunities to shot big bucks and seeing tons of deer to seeing 2 to 5 deer a season. Not good.

Can't even enjoy the family cabin anymore without them coming into camp while outside.

I could not hunt an area because of the amount of wolves in the area

We have left those high risk areas due to all the tracks found that morning to reduce the chance of injury of a dog or possibly a human.

I know I can report a wolf encounter to the DNR, but they won't do a damn thing about the situation or the wolves so why waste my time when all their going to say is that I have to be more careful about my surroundings or keep my dogs on a leash! It's pointless to go for a run with my dogs when they have to be on a leash especially out in the country. The deer numbers are ridiculous and so distinguished it's not worth the time, money, to deer hunt anymore. DNR wants more money for stupid shit! Have a full Michigan wide wolf hunt!! \$100 per tag State wide no limitations. We as a state need to get the wolf population under control and keep them maintained so they do not deplete the deer, or the little elk population we already have!!!

I don't walk in that area anymore. I just walk on the highway . It's not fun, or relaxing for me or my dog.

Some areas we hunt you cannot even find a deer track in the snow anymore it's just wolf tracks

Value my hounds too much to feed them to these things

After that encounter I refuse to go hiking in the UP. Something needs to be done about the wolf numbers. Maybe hold a quota hunt like Wisconsin did this year. Manage the numbers so people can feel safe being outside and in the woods.

Wolf activity has increased near my property. We are concerned for our dogs welfare so hunt a distance away.

Won't bird hunt with my GSP and I love to bird hunt, can only do it in the L.P. now. I'm a HSC member.

No

Don't want hounds killed but they are everywhere

Game has disappeared in the last 10 years.

Fear my dogs will get killed if I turn them loose to hunt

Went to the u.p for years bear an dear hunting and they killed all the deer an bear and potentially our hounds

No deer to hunt. Wolves kill everything. And not for food. For sport.

If there are wolf tracks on the bear baits or down the road we do not hunt that bait or area.

Deer population has dropped more wolf tracks less deer found dead deer half eaten

Wolf's are aggressive cause me to bear hunt elsewhere with my homes

I carry a sidearm when in the woods...always.

I have seen many wolf in the wild but none have ever bothered me

I'm scared to hunt anywhere in the up anymore because of the wolf are so thick I quit

Every were we go there is wolf tracks in schoolcraft county!! Scared to walk are dogs in woods!!

My family has a camp in gulliver that was once a deer hot spot for us and now the deer numbers are soo far down we do not go up anymore to hunt.

No deer !!!!!

Can't run my hounds when the wolves will come I. And kill my investment. Open a wolf season. Everything else has a season

We do not feel comfortable taking our dog bird hunting with us so we no longer bird hunt in the UP. We keep those dollars down state or out of state.

Scared they will kill dogs or us

I'm an avid hound hunter and many days I am hunting I have to avoid areas because of wolves

No more deer to hunt in certain areas wolves have decimated .

If you get a couple miles out of town and see a deer track almost always there is a wolf track to.

west damn damn has so many i kept getting them in traps so i stopped going there

What's the sense of deer hunting when there are no deer and every road is covered with wolf tracks? Also what's the sense of hunting with dogs when everytime it's a game of russian ruellet? But hey let's get a kid involved in the outdoors like your billboards say. Ya good one.

I don't want to lose my dogs to wolves

Running them off ur pile also riding to ur camp or blind it's just not safe in the woods anymore

Won't hunt several areas we used to hunt because of wolves

If I see wolf tracks in an area I would like to hunt with my dog I will not hunt that area.

After having one dog killed I've had to quit hunting a large area due to the amount of wolf sign. Not worth losing another hound.

If there are a lot of signs of wolves, I'm going to avoid the area. It's kind of common sense.

Can not run our hounds in fear of them being taken out by wolves.

It's definitely a little more nerve racking. But if I'm with somebody I don't feel so nervous

Put trail cameras out nothing but wolves go for a walk only animals seen are wolves

Hard to go do anything when the threat of being attacked is there and u cant do anything about it without being treated like a criminal before the dnr gets the story straight

I'm afraid to bear hunt with friends because of the over population of wolves there.

They are mean and scary so I don't go in the woods anymore

My family has not been able to walk or ride our bikes in the area that we have seen a wolf a few times. Also I have left two different hunting areas because of wolves.

I will continue to hunt, if I feel threatened I always carry a firearm while hunting.

Scared to enter the woods with kids

Careful on where I turn my hounds down at

Can't run hounds in most areas. Can't even walk dogs off leash in the woods or old trails.

We do our best to stay clear of the wolves. Not hunting where there are big packs . One or two wolves dont seem to be a problem. When there are more they seem much more aggressive. Stopping are hunt if possible when we know we are getting into large numbers of wolves by the tracks on the roads. With wolf management I am sure it would change the wolves aggressive patterns of attacks on hunting dogs and aggression towards people who are handling them. Hunting and trapping should be used together to manage this dominant predator that only has man disease or starvation to manage there numbers. Hunting and trapping seem the most responsible way.

Too many wolves very little other game

Very much considering not whitetail hunting. 60 days of hunting and seen 24 deer total same 6 deer at 3 different locations. It's very hard to get youth involved with hunting when you see nothing but hear wolves howling every day.

I had one dog killed by Wolf's and it getting to the point they are everywhere

Too many wolf signs in one spot often prevents us from hunting, running hounds or hiking. We are wary of our children or pets out in the yard many times.

They are not afraid of people

I do not want to bring my dogs or horses into the woods for a weekend with family

I open carry and wont hesitate to protect myself or my dogs way to many wolves around now

Not safe yourself or pets!

My family has changed our hunting area 3 times avoiding areas overrun with wolves. As recommended by the Newberry biologist, and we've ran out of room to avoid them! They're everywhere, we see tracks daily when we're out looking for bear tracks.

I quit bobcat hunting in the U.P. because I didn't want to take anymore chances of losing any of my hounds to wolves & there was way more wolf sign than any thing else. We lived close to Grayling & I just ran cats around my area for several years. In my opinion, wolves are decimating the deer population & must had been running bears out of several different areas where we use to have great success.

I stopped going to the UP after 45 years of hunting bear.
Too many wolves, it's not worth the risk to my dogs.

Refuse to let dogs go in heavy wolf area. Quit deer hunting in the UP also strictly hunt LP for deer now.

I honestly don't think wolves closely interact with humans as much as a select few people or certain groups would like the public to believe. Are ecosystems require balance and wolves in certain habitats are a means to achieve that balance.

Also. Your question above required an answer although I answered no to the first question. So to complete the survey I just selected other.

Hard to let a good dog go in the wolve infested woods.

Not safe in woods to walk without a gun

Two weeks later running dogs in another area 20 miles west. Had dogs getting chased by wolves none was killed that day we got in there in time but we did spots where the dogs were being chewed on by the wolves.

The deer population has gone down tremendously and can't even enjoy a hunting dog sport anymore due to the excessive amount of wolfs.

While Bobcat hunting in the Eastern UP my hunting party purposely decided to not hunt a certain section due to wolves being present.

I'm going to do what I do. I grew up in Mackinac County and Never go out in the wild without protection.

Too much scat and tracks in an area to feel safe hunting that area

Some areas we just don't dare to hunt in anymore.

When running dogs on the second to the last day of our hunt the wolves had come into the dogs treeing a bear and into the road where we parked. Luckily we got to the dogs and left a day early

I use to have lots of very good bear dogs and coyote hounds. Now all of my spots are so covered in wolves that I can't even turn my dogs loose without having run ins with the wolves.

I have not been back to the up in 2 years I used to hunting up there for 4 weeks In Bear season.

Wolves do need to be managed. The deer in our area have it hard enough and i didnt see one fawn on our trail cameras this year. Usually we have hundreds of pictures that are captured. I've seen their tracks close to our cabin within 100 yards and it is scary, since we have a dog. It doesn't bother me as a hunter if they are around while I'm hunting however I do not want them getting acclimate people or domestic dogs because the chance of having issues rises.

No need to lose another dog to them rotten Wolves!

The presence of a pack makes the woods too dangerous to be in. Why risk getting fined or jailed for defending myself.

As a hound hunter we spend every chance we get in the woods. Every weekend and even take weeks off to hunt. And every time we go out we see more and more sign of wolves. It's extremely out of hand. We have had to pick dogs up or not even let them go several times because we don't want to risk it and end up coming across wolf sign.

Made deer hunting crappy

I've been Coon hunting and have had the dogs out roading at night and when the wolves, or wolf is around the (trained) dog acts like a idiot. Or the hounds been treed and the wolves start talking and closing in on the dogs. I have to start running into the tree. My dad and cousin were Coon hunting and their dogs were treed separately and the wolves ate my cousins dog off the tree. (Literally killed and ate part of his dog. The wolves killed a female hound of his a few years prior. My sons bear hunting group lost a couple of super high priced dogs to the wolves killing them. You can't hardly find any place to turn the dogs out to bear or Coon hunt anymore. In the 90's we never worried about wolves. Now you can't hardly hunt anymore. My dad gets them coming into his yard on the backside of his kennels about twice a year. The dogs go just crazy and the wolves start growling and snarling, That's the gospel truth!)

Our hunting area on public lands has shrunk due to wolf populations getting way out of hand.

I, will no longer hunt or spend my money in the UP, due to the severity of the wolf encounters and their dense over population.

I no longer go to the U.P. to bear hunt due to the wolf problem. The last time I was in the U.P. to hunt was in 2018. We had the above encounter with wolves. My friend lost a dog due to this. I am not willing to put my dogs lives on the line because of the wolves. That few days I only found 2 bear tracks. I found between 20 and 30 sets of wolf tracks. This area years before had very little sign of wolves. Almost none. My family vacation my entire life was going to the U.P. bear hunting. 30 plus years. That ended in 2018. It's an absolute shame that I won't be able to share this with my kids.

When coyote hunting with dogs, if we see fresh tracks of wolves we do not let our dogs loose.

Fear of my dogs or children getting injured

THERE IS NOTHING LIVING IN MY WOODS EXCEPT PREDATORS!!!!!!! I CANT ALLOW MY DOGS OFF A LEASH. THEY WOULD GET KILLED.

I obtained a CPL

My dog was killed by wolves while bear hunting. Also, I have seen wolf tracks in my driveway and all around my neighborhood while on a walk with my family.

Theyre everywhere. I wont turn a hound loose again just to get killed. Thousands of dollars inveted in my hounds.

Wolves have taken over my bear baits so that I don't feel comfortable releasing my hounds at bear bait sites.

We decided not to hunt on numerous occasions as the amount of wolves in the area were high.

The wolf population in the UP is out of control many of the grounds we are able to run our hounds we can not anymore due to wolves. We like to protect our hounds from being killed by wolves. Our deer herds also are suffering from these wolf numbers. My deer blind I usually have no issue seeing deer and these last couple years i have not seen a deer.

I don't feel safe in the woods without a firearm

Just more cautious to my surroundings while out in the out of doors . Watch our dogs while out hunting ducks,partridge,woodcock, and sharptails .

I fear going in the woods alone

There is so much wolf sign in the area we hunt I had to get a concealed weapons permit so i can carry during training season for hounds on bear.

If there is too much wolf sign in the area we will not turn our dogs loose. Will not walk to my deer blind alone as there is too much wolf sign around my blind and the fact there were almost zero deer in any pictures

Can't dog hunt because wolves attack dogs

When you find more wolf tracks than deer tracks, why even hunt anymore

Bergland Michigan.

Nothing like having frickin' timber wolves checking out your tent while your in it.

Little nervous being in the open with them in a forest.

Every where you go there's a pack of wolves. Cat even enjoy hound hunting anymore without worrying if your hounds are coming home

Won't take bird dogs into woods in certain areas.

I don't want to turn my hounds loose in an area that's overrun with wolves, and is everywhere we go. The wolves are a major problem and they put human lives at risk to when we enter the woods to get our dogs. Once they run out of a major food source we are sitting ducks when we enter the woods to retrieve dogs. There's a lot of money spent with hound hunters and dog hunters of all kinds that come up north to run there dogs and when there's wolves everywhere there's gonna be a lot of guys that head to the lower to hunt or don't even come up to the U.P to hunt and that's gonna hurt business in the UP, a lot of guys spend a lot of money to take a trip to run hounds up there. Would you rather have wolves everywhere up there and nothings safe or would you rather have no wolves, people that come up happy to run dogs and spend money and help local businesses! It's a no brainer to me. Put a hunting season on those wolves.

Many times, more then I can remember the amount of wolf tracks or wolf sightings have stopped me from hunting with my dogs and my friends from hunting. The amount of wolves in the upper peninsula in the areas I hunt, mostly eastern side of the U.P. Is beyond ridiculous, they are over populated and just don't fear humans.

I carry a gun with me.

Too many wolves, made me switch hunting areas for bear. Now my new area is becoming infested as well, running out of places to go quickly.

A lot of wolf sign(tracks) off of H40 , don't want my shorthair getting mixed up with one.

Yes lots of areas. I avoid due to there being too many.

quit running beagles completely, knowing it was only a matter of time before they ate one of my dogs, then I would be in serious trouble myself!

Lots of good country ruined by wolves

We live in a semi wooded area where our children should be safe to run and play outside with no worries. Because of the amount of encounters in our area we now cannot feel as safe letting our children play outside alone without the fear of a possible attack from a wolf. Our neighbors dog was chained up in their yard and attacked by a wolf in the middle of the day.

More wolf tracks than deer & bear

They have taken over so much area now and the over population is making it hard to hunt and run hounds. You keep seeing tracks moving closer and closer to town and pretty soon you won't be able to do any outdoor activity without bating an encounter.

Spent from March of 2020 to thanksgiving 2020 going up to the family property every 2 weeks and never seen or heard anything. No different then any other year. Not a lot of wolf sightings from neighbors either. Also seen more deer up there last year then I've ever seen in my life going up there. They may have issues in other areas of the UP but not in this area. If anything we have a large population of bears.

If I find wolf sign I work that area a lot in hope I can push them out. They have devastated the deer herd

I hunt 4 days a week during kill season and find any where from 1 to 8 wolf tracks every single day and most days we can not hunt certain areas because of the high amount of wolf sign and fear of loosing another dog.

We do not train beagles in the wild anymore due to wolf/ beagle conflict. We have a 40 acre enclosure to train dogs now.

we had turned loose on a bear and one dog was attack by a wolf and died the next day

Are you aware you can report a wolf encounter/observation to the DNR at <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ORS/Home> or contact a DNR Field office by calling a field office near you at https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136_79608_83455-32867--,00.html

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